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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Shurtz on March 19, 2004.

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~~3. In claim 16, line 5, after "medicament" add -- and a polyol selected from the group consisting of xylitol and sorbitol -- and line 6, change "water ... material" to --~~

bicarbonate salt - ☒ in claim 17, change "water ... comprise" to -- bicarbonate salt is - ☒ in claims 20 and 21, change "water... material" to -- bicarbonate salt - ☒ in claim 38 (renumbered claim 36): line 4, cancel "and" ; line 6, change the period to -- ; and ☒

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~~and after line 6, add -- c) a bicarbonate salt incorporated into the chewing gum center, the coating, or both. -- Cancel claims 23, 24, and 39. ☒~~

4. In the specification, page 1: line 5, after "2001," add -- now abandoned, -- ; and ☒
line ¹⁹9, after " 621, 643," add -- now U.S. Patent 6,627,234 --. ☒ CA 6.8.06

5. The title of the application is amended to read: -- Coated Chewing Gum Product And Method Of Making - ☒

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance is a chewing gum which is coated with a medicament and either xylitol or sorbitol and wherein a bicarbonate salt is included in the gum center or in the coating.

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